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legro Attacked R. L. Buxton and His Family.

YOUR WERE ALMOST KILLED

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TRAGEDY NEAR GAITHERSBURG

About 4 o'Clock This Morning Residents of the Village Were Startled by Cries Coming From the Buxton House-Citizens Responded and Found Mr. Buxton, His Wife and Two Daughters Lying Unconscious In Their Own Blood-A Posse Was Hastily Organized-Telitale Footprints Led to Neal's House and He Was Taken Into Custody-Other Arrests Made-One of the Daughters Will Die.

The people of the pretty village of Gaithersburg, Md., twenty miles from this city on the Metropolitan branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, were startled about 4 o'clock this morning by a dastardly and brutal attempt to murder the entire family of Town Commissioner-elect R. L. Buxton by a negro supposed to be George Neal, an ex-convict, who forced an entry to the residence through the rear kitchen door. The weapon used was a

The victims are:

R. L. BUNTON, husband and father, forty years of age; two bad gashes over the right side of the head. He may recover.

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Mrs. R. L. BUNTON, thirty-two
years of age; gashes on head. She
will probably recover.
SADIE BUNTON, seven years of age;
struck with the butt of the ax on the right side of the head, over temple; skull crushed, and physicians say she cannot live throughout the day. MAUD BUXTON, sixteen years old.

struck over left temple. Still uncon-scious and may die. Baby, three years of age, not struck, but badly frightened.

THE HOME IN GAITHERSBURG. The Buxton family reside in a cozy home in the center and most thickly settled por-

In the center and most thickly-settled por-tion of Gatthersburg. Their house is sit-uated between the homes of James Eng-lish on one side and Mrs. Arnold on the other. Immediately across the thorough-fare, Frederick avenue, is the residence of Messrs. Joseph and Thomas Phoebus. About 4 o'clock this morning as a young man named Virts 'was passing the luxton house, he was startled by piercing screams of 'morder' in a woman's voice proceeding therefrom. He at once repeated the cries of help and aroused the English. the cries of help and aroused the English. Arnold and Phoebus families. Together

they went to the Buston some. The rest stitchen door was found open, where the municrer had forced an entry. The party of rescuers proceeded quickly to the second story, where the bed cham-bers are located, and there a horrible scene met their gaze. The furniture was in great confusion, while lying about the spartment in their night garments were the father, mother, and their two daugh-ters, Maud and Sadie. All were unconscious and their clothes were died crim-son with blood. The walls and furniture

were also bespattered.

The three-year-old laby had escaped the fury of the flend and was relling lustily. The infant's escape is due, no doubt, to the fact that it was lying between its mother and father and was not seen by the murderous negro. Physicians were hastily sumned and the home converted into a hos

The ax with which the bloody deed was committed was found in the bedroom, its blade and butt covered with blood and

THE EXCITED CROWD.

In an incredibly short space of time the house was filled with excited citizens, while a great crowd surged about the outside. One of the first on the scene was Rev. L. L. Lloyd, paster of the M. E. Church

The preacher at once converted himself into a detective, and with Deputy Sheriff Horton G. Thompson organized a posse of pursuers. They examined the rear kitchen door and found footprints in the soft, rain soaked earth. These were tracked to the shanty of George Neal, a segre desperado, who was but recently released from the Maryland pententlary, where he served a ten-years' term for attempting to criminally assault Miss Jennnie Gloyd, a sixteen-year old white girl. At the time of Neal's arrest Mr. Buxton was bailiff, and was instru-mental in bringing about the negro's arres

and conviction. There are some who say Neal threatened to kill Mr. Buxton on sight when he was released from prison.

Deputy Thompson and Rev. Mr. Lloyd speedily captured Neal and took him to a place of detention. The prisoner was surrounded by a threatening crowd, and it was only through the carnest appeals of the pastor that he was not summarily

dealt with. dealt with.

He was taken before Mr. Boxton and those members of his family who had partially recovered consciousness, but their condition was such they were unable to identify him. to identify him. The prisoner was then placed under a

strong guard for safe keeping. SCOURED THE WOODS.

In the meantime Mr. Frank Ward and William Garrett of Bunting Rill had mounted their horses and were scouring the woods on the outskirts of Gaithersburg. About a half mile from the village they discovered a strange begro lurking in the woods. He was about twenty-five years of age, tall, and weighs about 180 pounds. The pursuers held him up at the points

of their revolvers immediately in front of the residence of Mr. Thomas J. Owen, of the auction house of Thomas Dowling, No. 612 E street northwest, this city. Mr. Owen, himself, also joined the posses. The unknown negro started to run away after the mounted men had balted him. Messrs. Ward and Garrett were in no frame of mind for triffing and at once opened fire on the fleeing man. One shot passed through his hand, while another entered

running his gallopping horse against him, sent the fellow sprawling in the roadway. sent the reason sprawing in the roadway.

Before he could regain his feet the captors
commenced to bind his arms and legs.

'Youse got de wrong man. I's innercent,' remarked the colored man.
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rested.
when asked where he was from the unknown first said he came from Georgetown, D. C. The hesaid he was from Georgetown, D. C.

town, b. C. The he said ne was from Georgia.

Alterward the negro told a number of conflicting stories. Like Neal, he was also taken before Mr. Buxton, but he was also taken before Mr. Buxton, but he was in too nauch of a dazen condition to say whether he was the assailant or not.

The unknown colored man was seen lurking about Gaithersburg Saturday night, no then disappeared and was not again seen until yesterday evening about 4 o'clock, when he called at the residence of Mr. Alexander Carlyle.

Soon after the negro left Mr. Carlyle missed his ax, and that was the blood-covered weapon found this morning in the bedroom where the desperate crime was commuted. This is regarded as convincing proof against the mysterious negro.

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The family were askep in the set of the wife was struck. By this time the children were aroused and set up the screams of murder, which attracted Mr. Virts. The little ones were shricking when the argree assailed them.

them.
While the negro was leaving the bedroom, Mr. Buxton, though but half conscious and weak from loss of blood,
seized his pistol, but was not strong enough

seized his pistol, but was not strong enough to cock it.

When Mrs. Buxton was aroused she attempted to scream, but was struck a heavy blow, which did not render her unconscious. Then the brute seized her by the throat, forced her back on the bed and struck her again with the ax.

He then went into the rear room, where little Saidie and Maud were asteep, and struck theta.

The how received by Sadie, seven years of age, knocked her brains cut and scattered them over her face. Late this afternoon she is dying.

Inspector Hollinberger has detailed Detectives Wesdon and Horne to assist the Maryland authorities.

MINIATURE NAVAL BATTLES

Hot Fights Between Crab Pirates and Virginia Authorities.

Cannon and Rifles Freely Used, But No Deaths Have So Far Been Reported.

Aaron Turner, a fisherman, who has just arrived in the city, stated today that not fights between erab pirates and the Virginia authorities on the waters of the besapeake are almost daily occurrences. The freet of poschers, numbering several score of crafts, move into the Virginia wa-

score of crafts, move into the Virginia waters, where they catch large numbers of the shelled "green-backs."

The authorities for the past ten days have taken extreme measures to keep the plrates beyond the forbidden line, but in spite of the vigilance of the water police the craft boats slip over to the Virginia shores, and are only driven back by came; shot. Several miniature but realistic naval battles occurred between the police and shot. Several miniature out realistic navail battles occarred between the police and pirates before Turner left the vicinity. The police have secured small cannon, which they use upon the crafts. Four boats were fired upon a few days since. Those on the crabbers' boats returned the fire with the crabbers boats returned the lire with rifles and shotgons. Turner, who viewed the fight from a safe distance, on the shore, said to a Times reporter: "The boats were just beyond the State water line, below Pocomoke, when the po-

water line, below Pocomoke, when the po-lice halled them and ordered them back. The boats withdrew further down the bay, but would not recross the line. "Then the police opened fire on them with rifles, and later brass howitzers. The shots

were promptly answered from the beats, and for a time the spectacle resembled a

and for a time the speciacle resembled a veritable sea battle.

"A mast was cut from one of the beats at the beginning of the fight, and one vessel was disabled by a shot below the bowsprit. Sincke hung about the small fleet and along the shore, and the gun reports were audible from distant points. Finally the pirates retreated to midwater. A larger battle between the shore nuthorities and patrol boat and several poachers took place a week ago. One boat was crippled so badly she had to be beached and others were more or less damaged. Several men on both sides were slightly wour but so far no deaths have been re

PAY OF THE FIREMEN.

ported.

Commissioners Recommend Increa in the Salaries.

Acting upon the recommendation of Chief Parris, the District Commissioners ecommended to Congress today that the pay of the fire department force be inreased in accordance with the following

Chief of the department, \$2,300; assist ants, \$1,380 each; marshal, \$1,150; clerk; \$1,200; foremen, \$1,150 each; firemen, tillermen and bostlers, each \$950; privates, \$920 each; watchmen, \$690 each. This is a renewal of the rate proposed by the Commissioners in the estimates for 1896, but which Congress declined to approve. It amounts in the aggregate to

approve. It amounts in the aggregate to an advance of but 15 per cent only upon the present salaries, and, if granted, will not be equal to the salaries paid in a ma-jority of the cities of the country, and in ome instances very much less. especially true with reference to the chief

A statement of statistics which accompanied the recommendation today shows that New York pays the chief \$6,000; deputy chiefs, \$4,200; and that the firemen are graded, none getting less than \$1,000 peannum and the highest grade getting \$1,200 The foremen there are paid \$1,800 each.

HARBOR BILL'S FATE.

Conference Between the President and Gen. Craighill.

President Cleveland had a conference oday with Gen. Craighill, chief of engineers, about the river and harbor bill, which was received at the White House

Saturday. Secretary Lamont is absent from Washing secretary Lamout is a seen from washing-ton, fart the President probably already knows his views with regard to the meas-ure. It is evident that the President in tends to lose no time in deciding what shall be done with the bill, and rumor has it that be has already made up his mind It is reported on excellent authority that the President has already expressed an in-tention to veto the measure, and the trend of opinion as to his views is in that direc-

It is recalled that Mr. Cleveland vetoed one river and harbor bill, and those who have reason to believe that the one now in his hands will share a like fate, point to the fact as -part corroboration of his views. Whether or not he will veto it one thing seems certain, namely: the President will not sign the act. he decides to let it go on the statute books he will allow it to become a law without his signature, under the Constitutional

Fined for Scorching.

William Schlosser, a grocer, was fined \$5
by Judge Kimball this morning for riding
his bleycle across the street at a rate of
speed exceeding eight miles an hour.
Schlosser was captured by Sergt. Dunnigan, who was also on a wheel, after a
hard chass.

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HUNTING FOR BONDSMEN

Bail in Francis Kiechhofer's Case Fixed at \$25,000.

DETAINED AT STATION HOUSE

While His Attorney Was Looking for Friends to Go on the Bond the Defendant Killed Time by Playing Cards-Government Officials Expect to Secure a Conviction.

Mr. Francis J. Kiechhoefer, late chief of the accounting division of the State De-partment, who was arrested last night by Detectives canadier and Carter, look breakfast this morning at the Raleigh. After that he went in a carriage to the police court to be ready if his case should be called.

His attorney, Mr. Arthur W. Ferguson,

had a consultation with Judge Miller and Assistant District Attorney Charge H. Armes, who has charge of the case in H. Armes, who has charge of the case 12 the government. Mr. Armes insisted that the bonn names by him under Mr. Birney's authority, \$25,000, should not be reduced. Mr. Ferguson thought this was excessive, considering that Mr. Kiechhoefer has been going quietly about his business here since the alleged shortage was discovered nearly a year ago. But Judge Miller recaned that the alleged octica roots up in round numbers \$1.00,600, and the specific charges of embezziement allege the missappropriation of \$37,306.88, and refused to reduce the bond.

LOOKING FOR BONDSMEN.

He said it would do no good to argue the matter in court, but added that he would re-main at the court building till 5 p. m. in order to allow Mr. Ferguson an opportunity o find bondsmen. Mr. Ferguson set out on that mission. Mr. Kiechhoeler returned in

to find bondsmen. Mr. Ferguson set out on that mission. Mr. Kiechhoeter returned in the carriage to ponce station No. 1 to a wait the result of Mr. Ferguson's efforts.

He whiled a way the time there by a game of cards with acquaintances about the place. The effect of the agreement of counsel as to bail was practically to waive a preliminary examination in the police court, and when bondsmen are found the case will go to the grand jury, waite Mr. Kiechhoeter will be set at the city under \$25,000 to answer any indictment found by that body. If he cannot get bond he must go to fail.

His attorney has not been very actively engaged in practice of late, and has had but little to do with recent criminal cases. He is a personal friend of Mr. Kiechhoeter, and will probably associate with himself one or more of the leading attorneys in criminal cases at this bar.

Mr. Kiechhoefer is said to have many friends here who will stand by him to the liast. He has been reputed to own a good deal of real estate in his own name, but an examination of the books in the assessor's office failed to show anything assessed to him. There is no doubt, however, that pleaty of money will be at hand topay lawyers, and every toot of ground will be stoutly contested.

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The government officials think they have nearly as good a case as they had against Capt. Howgate, and believe they will ultimately bring punishment upon him.

Mr. Kiechnoefer denies all charges of misuse of fonds. He says he does not know definitely what is alleged against him. The supposed evidence of his wrong-doing has never been put before him. His arrest was a surprise, and it seems to him unkind that it should have been made at a time when he would be obliged to spend the night in the police station. But he knows be has been guilty of he dishonesty, and is entirely confusent of his final vindication.

He was never before charged with any misdeng, and has hardly been in court in a civil case. He has had no lawyer and called upon Mr. Ferguson as a friend to direct his answer to the present charges.

Mr. Kiechnoefer appeared a little worn and nervous as he sat in the station. He is above the ordinary shaure, a little stoop-shouldered, well-built, of average weight. He has a square face, a reddishgray mustache, and wears his light brown hair pompadour. His eyes are gray and clear, with a bold, honest look. His nost is large and a little crooked. His most pindicates firmness.

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He was dressed this morning in a well-fitting, light gray suit of good material, with olicestriped negligee shirt and black shoes, and smoked a cigar as he handled the cards and chips.

He had a conference at 9 o'clock this morning with his attorney, and it was this that led to the action at court. Several riceds called on him during the morning.

NATIVE OF WASHINGTON. Francis J. Kiechheefer was born here in 1846. He was educated in the city schools and at Georgetown College. He was employed by Baker Bros, & Co. of Paltimo

and at defection and again by the Baltimore; by the Eric railrond, and again by the Baltimore and Ohio. In 1874 he went to the State Department as a \$900 clerk. He worked his way up till in 1885 he was appointed to perform the important duties of chief of Baccaints.

In this position be had charge of the large trust fands such as those in the Mora and Landreau claims. Auditor Holosmb of the Treasury, who has charge of the State Department business, by investigation a year ago found that these initials were not deposited in the Treasury and there appeared to be little check upon Mr. Kiehhoefer's use of them. He also found that Mr. Kiechhoefer's accounts for ordinary funds would not balance by about \$12,600. As these wercunder the care of the Treasury nehadant brought tore overfrom Mr. Kiechhoefer's bondsmen. About three months later Mr. Kiechhoefer was dismissed from the service.

FAMILY OF MUSICIANS.

FAMILY OF MUSICIANS. Mr. Kicchhoefer's father was for many years a clerk in Riggs' Bank, and was vio mist in St. Matthew's Church for twenty years. He died at an advanced age about eighteen months ago in Baltimore. H owned at one time considerable real estate here. This included the house on F street tetween Tenth and Eleventa streets, now being remodeled for business purposes, and a vaniable piece near Dupont circle. The F street place was for many years the fam-

ily home.

ar. Electhoefer married about the time are a sensocer married about the time he went into the State Department, and has three daughters. As his father was a violinist of high rank, so he himself learned to play on that instrument, and his wife and daughters are noted musicians. One or two of the daughters are violinists nearly worthy of the name virtuoso.

The wife and daughters have been in Monich Germany, where they have studied

nich, Germany, where they have studied music for three years past. Mr. Kiechnoefer says that he expected them to sail from Southampton on May 20, to join him in WHERE THE MONEY WENT.

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It has been stated for Mr. Kiechhoefer that the accounts at the State Department have been very loosely kept, and it is impossible to tell what has become of the money which has disappeared.

This statement being made to Mr. Armes that gentleman said:

"On the contrary we do expect to show specifically what has been done with very large amounts. The case is not out of the ordinary of charges of tenezziement against disbursing officers of the government.

"In the preparation of the two civil cases for trait acts were developed which show criminality. Thereupon I immediately ordered the warrant."

The civil cases referred to are against Mr. Kiechhoefer's bondsmen, the City Trust. Safe Deposit and Security Company of Philadelphia being held for \$30,000, as well as M. A. Topham, F. O. St. Clair, Dennis F. Fealy and others for \$30,000. The amount to be recovered is about \$12,000.

Thought to Be Werner.

A smooth-talking swindler, thought to be William C. Werner, has been arrested in Baltimore. Werner is wanted in this city for victimizing a number of boarding be Owners of Vacant House

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EMPEROR NICHOLAS II.



CZAR OF ALL THE RUSSIAS.

SUGAR BOUNTY TO BE PAID BOND BILL COMES NEXT

Supreme Court Decision Reverses Ruling of Comptroller Bowler.

Court Holds That Congress Had Power to Provide for It-New York Inheritance Tax.

A decision of the Supreme Court on the a decision of the superior count of the sugar bounty case was rendered today, and was very brief.

The court simply held that it was an equitable consideration for which Con-gress had authority to provide. This reverses the roling of the Comptroller of

the Treasury, and requires the payment of the bounty provided for by the last Con-gress.

The United States must pay the inher-tance tax assessed by the State of New York against the projecty bequeathed to be added to the West Point military re-country. Justice Brown announced the ervation. Justice Brown announced the

ervation. Justice Brown announced the opinion of the Supreme Court to this effect.

The sugar bounty cases, decided by the Supreme Court of the United States, this morning, before that court on writs of errors to the circuit court of the United States for the castern district of Iowa.

In both cases—those of the Realty Company and Andrew H. Gay, the court below gave Judgment for the plaintiffs.

The regisation arises out of the bounty clauses of the McKiniey act, repealed by the Wilson law, and the sundry civil act of March 2, 1895, which carried an appropriation of \$5,000,000 with which to pay sugar bounties on cane sugar made up to June 30, 1895, and \$238,289 for beet sugar produced previous to August 28. sugar produced previous to August 28, 1894. The cases before the court were

Secretary Baer at the Presbyterian General Assembly

Saratoga, N. Y., May 25. - In the Presby terian General Assembly today the report of the special committee on young people's societies was again taken up. Chairman Breed ind the floor. This matter was raised at Pittsburg by a request for the formal en dorsement of the Christian Endeavor Union and for the establishment in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian House of a young people's societies' hendquarters, with a board and secretaries. A special committee was appointed at Pittsburg and a report was prepared adverse to the proposals.

A plan for the spperylsion and government of such societies as diready exist in the church was prepared by the committee and reported to the present assembly. The Christian Endeavor forces were mustered to protect their interests in this assembly dorsement of the Christian Endeavor Union

protect their interests in this assembly when this question should be considered.

J. Wallis Baer, heart of the Christian Endeavor's Union, has moved his headquarters from Boston, type writers, clerks, assistants and all, to keep an eyeon the assembly and at the same time engineer the arrangements for the Washington gathering of Endeavorer

Last week the assembly defeated one im-portant provision in the report—the pro-posed plan of Pre-sbyterian unions of young people's societies. They also adopted a clause forbidding the introduction of politics into the societies. The consideration of a proposal to prepare a plan for union of all Presbyterian young people's societies was then taken up.

Rev. Dr. Lane of Westchester county, op posed the clause under consideration and argued for the discharge of the committee on the ground that the proposal of a denom-inational young people's society to take the place of the Christian Endeavor was unnecessary, unwise and alien to the cause of the church. Dr. Breed defended the report. The assembly adjourned for recess with the young people sreport will underconsider-ation.

LABOR COMMISSION BILL.

Number of Members Has Been Reduced to Twelve.

The House Committee on Labor today amended the bill authorizing the appointment of a box-partisfic commission to collect information and to recommend legislation to meet the problems presented by labor, agriculture and gapital by reducing the number of members from 20 to 12.

There will be three representatives of labor, three of agriculture, three of manufacture and three of business. As amended the bill permits the President of the United States to appoint the commission.

It will be reported to the House this afternoon, and the chairman, Mr. Phillips, of Pennsylvania, will not be committee on Rules to set aside a day before the adjournment of Congress for its consideration.

BANGS DIVORCE CASE

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The Actor Restrained From Inter fering With His Wife. As a sequel to the suit for divorce, filed by Clara Ceccha Hangs, aginst David C. Bangs, the actor, Judge Cox today directed the issuance of a restraining order, pre-venting the hashand from interferring with or disturbing his wife in any manner. Mr. Bangs is also directed to show cause on June 15 why he should not be enjoined from interfering with Mrs. Bangs in her care and control of their child, hoscoe N. Bangs.

Farmen Will Speedily Recover, William J. McElwee and Arthur M. Isonaldson, the firemen lojured in the Lauisiana avenue disaster a west ago, who are still ying at Providence Hospital from their injuries, were reported today as doing very well, with a propert of today as doing very well, with a propert of speedy recovery.

Senate Considers the General Deficiency Bill First.

MR. BUTLER IS ANXIOUS

Senator Chandler Does Not Agree With His Populist Colleague That the Sooner It Is Disposed of the Better-Committee Amendments Reported and Agreed to.

At the close of the routine morning busi ness in the Senate today Mr. Hale moved to proceed to the consideration of the deficiency bill-the last of the general appropriation

Mi. Butler suggested that several Sen-ators wished to speak on the bond bill, and that as he wished to have the vote on it before adjournment, that bill should be taken up now, rather than at 2 o'clock, when it would come up as the unfinished business.

Mr. Chandler said it would be impossible

to get a vote on the bond bill today. There were many Senators whom the Senator from North Carolina did not know of, who desired to address the Senate on the bill.

Mr. Butler remarked that the quicker the
Senate took up the bond bill the better. "No." Mr. Chandler broke in, "No," Mr. Chandler broke in, the worse, because it ought not to pass at all, while it innecessary to pass the appropriation bills."
"The Senator from New Hampsnire, said Mr. Butler, "is in favor of continued issues of bonds, but the friends of the bond

bill are not of that opinion."

The deficiency bill was taken up, Mr. Buller stating that at 2 o'clock be would ask to proceed with the bond bill.

Mr. Gorman introduced in the Senate today the joint resolution relating to motive power on the Eckington and Soldiers' Home railaway, the Belt railway, and the Maryland and Washington Railway companies. It is the resolution introduced in the House by Mr. Rusk, April 10. It was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia. bill are not of that opinion."

It was referred to the Commerce of the District of Columbia.

Among the committee amendments reported and agreed to were the following. To pay \$8,750 to the widow of the late United States Minister to Mexico Isanc P. Gray; appropriating \$6,517 for all outstanding claims against the World's Commission, ampropriating \$45. standing claims against the words \$45,000 for the leasing of suitable buildings and equipment for the sampling and assaying of imported silver ores and other ores certaining lead; appropriating \$2,566 to compensate the owners of the Norwegian steamer Peter Jébsen for damages from sellision with the United States steamer

steamer Peter Jessen for Grands steamer Rosli, in San Francisco harbor in March, 1896; appropriating \$1.542,979 to pay transportation claims of the Southern Pacific Company; appropriating \$159.800 for three deaths and for the injuries of Government employes at the Ford's Theater disaster in June. 1894; appropriating \$10,000 for additional lots for the Philadelphia postoffice; appropriating \$1,235 for payment for interior finish of courthouse and postoffice at Denver, Col.; appropriating \$125,000 for strengthening the floors of the New York appraiser's ware. Government employes at the Ford's of the New York appraiser's ware-

WAYLAID A WOMAN.

Miss Bettle Suman's Screams Did Not Prevent Her Losing a Pocketbook. A desperate looking young begro, who was concealed behind a tree box at Sixth and I streets northwest, sprang upon Mis Bettie Suman, of No. 869 H street north west, as she was proceeding to ber bome it 8 o'clock Saturday evening. The young lady screamed lustily, but the footpad wrenched her purse out of her hand and made his escape. It contained

\$2.25 in money and a number of car tickets

Miss Soman was nearly overcome by fright. The act was a particularly daring one, as the streets were crowded with pedestrians at the time. A description of the highwayman was furnished Inspector Hollinberger today. Senator Hill's Coachman Arrested. Senator Hill sent his colored conchman George Briggs, to Baltimore Saturday to try a pair of horses which he thought of buying from Mr. John P. Johns of 2209 Madison avenue. The coachman, with David Blaze, colored, a driver from Mr. Johns' stable, went to Druid Hill Fark to try the team and both were arrested for fast driving. He was fined \$5. The horses which the Senator proposes to buy are a handsome pair of well-matched standard-level bays of groud seeed. They will be sent

bred bays of good speed. They will be sent here for his inspection. Paris, May 25 .- The Eclair learns that Paris, May 25.—The Eclair learns that the release of the Italian prisoners by King Menclek was brought about through the mediation of Russia, which was accepted by Italy as soon as offered. The paper further soys that the abandonment of the Anglo-Italian adventure in the Soulan was also due to the interference of Russia.

DR. HARTZELL ELECTED BISHOP

Methodist General Conference Choos Him for Africa.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 25, - At the session of Methodist general conference this morn ing Rev. Joseph C. Hartzell, D. D., was elected bishop to A frica on the second ballot.

SUMMER COTTAGES IN DANGER. Disastrous Fire Visits a Small Con

neeticut Village. New Haven, Coun., May 25.—An slarm of free was sent out about 4 o'clock this morning from Woodmont, to this city, Millord and adjoining towns, and assistance asked.

The Milford fire department responded, and it was announced at 9 o'clock that the fire was under control. Three cottages and a barn have been consumed.

The critice cow of cottages at Word.

The entire row of cottages at Wood mont, which are the finest of any shore re-sort in this vicinity, were in danger from the flames, but it is now stated that they will escape.

BAD FOR CAPTAIN WIBORG

Supreme Court Affirms Judgment AWFUL FURY OF THE ELEMENTS Against the Horsa's Commander.

New Trial Granted to the Mates Be cause They Had No Guthy Knowledge of the Expedition.

In the Supreme Court of the United States today in an opinion read by Chief Justice Fuller, decided the cases of Wiborn et al., vs. the United States, involving the Horsa Cuban expedition, afirming the judgment of the district overt for Pennsylvania sentencing Capt. Wiborg to Imprisonment and fine for engaging in the expedition, and

reversing it as to Petersen and Johannsen, the mates of the vessel. The chief justice said the arms and men carried by the Horsa constituted a military expedition within the meaning of the neu trality laws. The individuals constituting the body need not be armed to come within the intent of the law.

Although the statute was a penal one, said the justice, it was to receive a reasonable construction, the same as that

given to other statutes governing domestic affairs. All the elements of a militar expedition were present on the Horsa-The Chief Justice said that the evident did not tend to show that the mates ha such knowledge of the errand of the Horsa at the time the vessel left Philadelphia,

to warrant the judgment against them, and it was reversed, with instructions to give them a new trial.

Mr. Justice Harian dissented from the judgment as to the defendant, Wiborg.

CHANG COMING TO AMERICA. Distinguished Chinese Statesman to

Study Our Form of Government. London, May 25.-A Moscow dispatel ays Li Hung Chang, the special envoy of he Emperor of China, to the coronation of the Czar, has submitted to an interview on the subject of his mission in Russia and n other western countries, which he will

He said that he intended to go to America ifter visiting France and England. The ole mission entrusted to him, he continued. apart from the coronation, was to study the European and American systems of government, with a view to the introduc-

The distinguishd Chinese statesman for-naily denied that any treaty had yet been made with Russia, as has been so often as-serted in the last few months. He also said that he had no projects for the making of treaties with any power. Russia and China, he averred, were in accord on all points, and it was China's wish to maintain e same excellent relations with France

with Great Britain, Li said that it was difficult to make biniself acquainted with this point till be had visited England. this point till he had visited England.

San Francisco, May 25 - Among the arrivals here last night from China, via Vancouver, was Louis Spitzel of Shanghai, the sole representative of the Thames from Works in China, who has been delegated by the emperor of the Flowery Kingdom to go and meet Li Hung Chang. He will conduct the great Chinese through America.

POLICEMAN BREEN'S FUNERAL Members of the Force to Act as

Pallbearers. Coroner Hammett today viewed the remains of Policeman Breen, who estimitted suicide yesterday by drowning himself in the river, near the bathing beach, and decided that an autopsy was unnecessary.
The case was clearly one of premeditated suicide, and a certificate of death to this effect was issued.
Complete arrangements for the funeral

have not yet been decided upon, ices will doubtless be held at his late resi dence, No. 1357 U street. A detail from the First precinct will attend and act as pallbearers.

WILL ASK FOR A NEW TRIAL Ford's Attorneys to Make Their Ar

gument Tomorrow. Judge Cole will bear argument for a new trial in Murderer Irwin Ford's case to Mr. Arthur Peter, one of Ford's lawyers, said to The Times this afternoon:

"The facts are so fresh in the mind of the judge that we will make only a very brief argument." Will you appeal the case?" have not fully decided, but it is probable we will not.

Nominated by the President Nonlinated by the President.

The President today sent to the Senate the following imbinations: John F. Nosh, of New York, to be surveyor of customs for the port of Synaeuse, N. Y. J. Ward Gurley, of Lemisiana, to be attorney of the United States for the castern district of Louisiana.

Jailed for Assaulting an Officer.

William Joyce was given three months in fail by Judge Miller today for assault-ing Policeman Williamson. The assault-occurred on March 1, while the officer was taking Joyce's brother, Sam, to the sta-tion house. Real Estate Trustees
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FIFTY MAY BE DEAD

ONE CENT.

Cyclone Sweeps Three Iowa Counties With Terrible Effect.

THREE TOWNS WRECKED

Fifteen Killed in a Depot Splintered by the Storm.

A Country House Lifted Bodily From the Ground, Carried Some Distance and Smashed-All the Occupants Killed-Meager Reports on Account of All Wires Being Prestrated. As Reports Come in the List of Casualties Grows-Coffins Have Been Shipped to All the Towns From Des Moines, Where Measures Are Being Taken for the Relief of the Sub-

Des Moines, Iowa, May 25.—The most alarming reports are being received here this morning respecting the cyclone which swept over Polk, Story and Jasper coun-ties shortly after midnight last night. Owties shortly after midnight last night. Owing to the almost total prostration of telegraph and teleghone wires, it is not possible to verify the reports that have been received, but indications are that the cusualties will reach fifty killed or injured.

Fourteen persons are reported killed in the three towns of Valeria, Bondurant, and Aukeuy. The two latter towns are in this —Poik—county, while Valeria is in Jasper county, directly east.

So far as heard from, Slater is the only town in Story county which suffered, but at there is no neeaus of communication will that section this norming, there is every

that section this morning, there is every probability that the restoration of tel raphic communication will bring news of sters as yet unreported.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE. details have been received from Slater further than the bare statement that the whole lown was destroyed. The same report comes from Poik City, this county. A telephone message from Berwick says that a courier just in says that twenty-four persons were killed at Bondurant five at Valeria, and three at Ankeny. The situation grows worse as notheraction of the statistical properties of the cyclone district. At Valeria, it is now known that fitteen persons were killed, the number being first placed at but five. Most of those killed were in the depot of the Chicago Greal Western road, some of them having just alignest from a fraint and others naving taken refuge there from the rain.

The depot was literally blown to pieces. The west-bound passenger train escaped the cyclone but a few minutes. Had it remained at the station five minutes longer later further than the bare statement that

him let of shed would dimonsterly have numbered scores.

A dispatch from Santiago, this county, says the storm was unprecedented in as farry in that section. Three miles west of the town a boase was lifted bodily from the carth, carried some distance and throws to the ground a shattered wreck. The entire family of occupants were affect.

The roads were almost impassable from debris-fences, outbuildings and branches of trees being swept together in piles. Nothing has been heard from the north-eastern end of the county, where it is feared the storm caused the greatest damage.

SEVERAL TOWNS WRECKED. A messenger from Bondurant, who arrived at 9 o'clock, says that R. G. Scott, a promineut farmer was killed; also that a church

ineur farmer was killed; also that a church at Ankeny was blown down and several persons were hurt.

The town of Granger was badly wrecked. The number of farm houses wrecked between Valeria and Bondurantis very heavy. Mayor MacVictar has cailed a meeting at the council chamber to take active measures for the relief of the sufferers.

A number of coffins have been shipped to Bondurant on the Great Western extra, via Berwick, the nearest point.

At Bondurant the Bailey residence was wrecked, and Mrs. Bailey, her son, daughter had beptew were killed outright. Mr. Bailey is dying. The northern part of the village is destroyed.

BURRICANE IN OTHER STATES,

Lilinois, Minnesota and South Dakota Have a Visitation. Chicago, May 25.—A storm of wind, rain, thunder and lightning struck Chicago at 2 o'clock this morning. The wind at times attained the velocity of a burricane, and the lightning was incessant. Over an inch of water fell in less than ten maintees, which amounted to a cloudburst. The sewers were anable to carry off the water, and as a result basements all over the city were flooded.

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The pressrooms of three moraing papers were flooded by water backing up from the sewers, and fire engines had to be called to plump out the scater before the second edition could be sent to press. Much miner dimange from wind and lightning is reported from all over the city, but no fatalities resulted so far as heard from.

The storm extended south of Chicago into Will and Kankakee counties, and all telegraph wires were down in the vicinity of soliet and Kankakee, cathing off communication with the central part of the State. It is not aniskely that reports of serious damage will be received from that section when the wires get to working again.

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St. Faul, Miam., May 25.—A fierce half-stein began yesterday afternoon as a passenger train was leaving Springfield, Minn. Every window in the train was broken as were also many of the inside shutters, terrifying the passengers. Many windows in Springfield were also broken.

A cyclone struck near Morgan yesterday and demonsted a namber of barns, but as far as known no lives were lost.

Minot, N. D., May 25.—A severe half storm swept over this section yesterday attendoon, causing serious damage to crops and breaking many windows. Cattle on the ranges suffered severely from the storm, many being pounded to death by the half. The stones were of enormous size and felt with terrific force.

The storm was accompanied by severy lightning, doing considerable damage. One or two tourns in the Moose River Valley were struck by lightning. Crops in the Moose Valley are a total loss.

While the storm was at its height at 2.15 o clock this morning, a story-and-a-half collage at 3140 North Ashiandayenue, occupied by James Densler, his wife, and three children, was lifted from its foundations by the wind, carried to an adjoining lot, thrown upon its side, and crushed like a house built of cards. All the immates were cought in the debris, but only Mra, Densler was hurt, and she not seriously.

Tremendous clearance sale at King's